



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
GILA NATIONAL FOREST
Black Fire Emergency Closure
Public Health and Safety**

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited within the area and on the roads described in this Order, all within the Wilderness Ranger District, Gila National Forest, Catron and Grant Counties within the State of New Mexico:

1. Going into or being upon the area described below that is closed for the protection of public health and safety. **36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e).**
2. Using any motor vehicle on the road(s) described below. **36 C.F.R. § 261.54(a).**
3. Being on a trail. **36 CFR § 261.55(a).**

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a written Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

AREA AND ROADS DESCRIBED:

All National Forest System lands, roads and trails within the exterior boundaries of the Gila National Forest as depicted on the attached map at Exhibit A Beginning at the intersection of Forest Road 150 (North Star Road) and Forest Road 609 (Links Ranch Road), east towards Forest Trail 40 (Diamond Creek), continuing east to Forest Rail 42 (Caledonia), to the intersection of the CDT (Continental Divide Trail) south to the intersection of Forest Trail 72 (Black Canyon), continuing west to the intersection of Forest Trail 75 (Aspen Canyon), continuing south on Aspen Canyon Trail to the intersection of the CDT, continuing west to the intersection of Forest Road 150. On Forest Road 150, north to the intersection of Squaw Creek, continuing west down Squaw Creek to the confluence of Black Canyon, north along Black Canyon to Forest Trail 708 (Tom Moore), continuing north to Forest Trail 713 (Link),

continuing Forest Road 609, headed east to the beginning at the intersection of Forest Road 150 and 609

Forest Road 150 is closed from Meason Flat north approximately 16 miles to the intersection of Forest Road 150 and Forest Road 609. All roads and trails withing the closure are closed, including the section of the Continental Divide Trail listed in the order.

PURPOSE

To assure the protection of public health and safety in the Closure Area during the Black Fire activities.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be effective on the 16th of May, 2022, at 0800, and will remain in effect until December 31st , 2022, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.
2. A Map identifying the area closure is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of the Order map for the NF, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/gila/alerts-notices>
3. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000.00 for organizations and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months (*see* 16 U.S.C. § 551, 18 U.S.C. § 3571(b)(6), 18 U.S.C. § 3581 (b)(7)).
4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Gila National Forest Supervisors office located in Silver City, NM, telephone number 575-388-8201
5. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same act covered by this Order.

Done at Silver City, New Mexico this 16th day of May, 2022

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